

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**May 7, 2014
3:00 P.M.**

Committee Members Present: Debbie Mahaffee, Deb Ward, Bill Greaver, Pam Horak, Ann Pascoe

Committee Members Absent: Linda Beard

CSB Staff: Cora Swett

Regional Human Rights Advocate – Kevin Paluszka

LHRC Affiliates Present:

ARC/INSIGHT – Tammy Comer

Destiny Place – Vonzella Simmons

Community Concept, Inc. – Peter Whang, Stephanie Mott, Tauja Bailey, Jakuta Williams,

Volunteers of America – Carrie Cortez

COMPASS Counseling Services of NOVA – Carolyn Ruhlen, Chris Ruhlen

REM – Gerry Desrosiers, Holly Janett

Behavior Consultants:

Alternative Path Training School – Kimberly McLean

Community Residences, Inc. – Sandra Kelly

Guest:

Myra Wilson, parent

The regular scheduled meeting of the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee was convened on May 7, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Prince William Club, 8521 Phoenix Drive, Manassas, Virginia.

NEW LOCATION NOTIFICATION:

Therapeutic Alliance, Inc. is opening a second office in Manassas at 10535 Crestwood Drive, Manassas, Virginia. This new office will be used in combination with our former office at 10696-A Crestwood Drive, Manassas, Virginia to house our intensive in home, mental health skill building and Autism Behavior Service program. It will also allow us to expand our community engagement initiatives in a space with strong public access.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 05-07-01

MOTION: Mahaffee

SECOND: Ward

WHEREAS, the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee has reviewed the minutes of April 2, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee does hereby approve the minutes of the April 2, 2014 meeting.

Vote:

Ayes--Mahaffee, Ward, Greaver, Horak, Pascoe

Nays—None

Abstained From Vote – None

Absent During Vote—None

Absent From Meeting—Beard

AUTHORIZED CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 05-07-02

MOTION: Mahaffee

SECOND: Ward

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Local Human Rights Committee desires to discuss in Closed Session client related matters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to VA Code 2.1-344(A) paragraph 15 for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business such discussions may occur in Closed Session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Local Human Rights Committee does hereby authorize discussion of the aforesated matters in Closed Session.

Vote:

Ayes—Horak, Mahaffee, Ward, Greaver, Pascoe

Nays—None

Abstained--None

Absent During Vote—None

Absent From Meeting—Beard

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 05-07-03

MOTION: Mahaffee

SECOND: Ward

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Local Human Rights Committee has this day adjourned into Closed Session in accordance with a formal vote of the Committee, and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information act requires certification that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Local Human Rights Committee does hereby certify that to the best of their knowledge only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such matters for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business were heard, discussed or considered.

Vote:

Ayes—Horak, Mahaffee, Ward, Greaver, Pascoe

Nays—None

Abstained--None

Absent During Vote—None

Absent From Meeting—Beard

RESTRICTIVE BEHAVIOR PLAN REVIEWS:

APPROVED THE USE OF THE RESTRICTIVE BEHAVIOR PLAN FOR DEANA F..

RESOLUTION 05-07-04

MOTION: Mahaffee

SECOND: Greaver

WHEREAS, the Restrictive Behavior Plan for Deana F. has been reviewed and approved for use by the Behavior Management Committee of the Prince William County Community Services; and

WHEREAS, the Restrictive Plan for Deana F. has been presented to the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee does hereby approve the use of the Restrictive Behavior Plan for Deana F.

Vote:

Ayes—Horak, Mahaffee, Ward, Greaver, Pascoe

Nays—None

Abstained--None

Absent During Vote—None

Absent From Meeting --Beard

**APPROVED CONTINUED USE OF THE RESTRICTIVE BEHAVIOR PLAN FOR
KIMBERLY S.**

RESOLUTION 05-07-05

MOTION: Pascoe

SECOND: Ward

WHEREAS, the Restrictive Behavior Plan for Kimberly S. has been reviewed and approved for use by the Behavior Management Committee of the Prince William County Community Services; and

WHEREAS, the Restrictive Behavior Plan for Kimberly S. has been presented to the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee for approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee does hereby approve the use of the Restrictive Behavior Plan for Kimberly S.

Vote:

Ayes—Horak, Mahaffee, Ward, Greaver, Pascoe, Beard

Nays—None

Abstained--None

Absent During Vote—None

Absent From Meeting --Beard

APPROVED USE OF THE RESTRICTIVE BEHAVIOR PLAN FOR AMIR H.

RESOLUTION 05-07-06

MOTION: Pascoe

SECOND: Ward

WHEREAS, the new Restrictive Behavior Plan for Amir H. has been presented to the Behavior Management Committee for review and approval for use; and

WHEREAS, the Restrictive Behavior Plan for Amir H. has been presented to the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee does hereby approve the use of the Restrictive Behavior Plan for Amir H.

Vote:

Ayes—Horak, Mahaffee, Ward, Greaver, Pascoe

Nays—None

Abstained--None

Absent During Vote—None

Absent From Meeting --Beard

APPROVED USE OF THE RESTRICTIVE BEHAVIOR PLAN FOR DAVID H.

RESOLUTION 05-07-07

MOTION: Pascoe

SECOND: Ward

WHEREAS, the new Restrictive Behavior Plan for David H. has been presented to the Behavior Management Committee for review and approval for use; and

WHEREAS, the Restrictive Behavior Plan for David H. has been presented to the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee does hereby approve the use of the Restrictive Behavior Plan for David H.

Vote:

Ayes—Horak, Mahaffee, Ward, Greaver, Pascoe

Nays—None

Abstained--None

Absent During Vote—None

Absent From Meeting --Beard

APPROVED USE OF THE RESTRICTIVE BEHAVIOR PLAN FOR JUSTIN W.

RESOLUTION 05-07-08

MOTION: Justin

SECOND: Ward

WHEREAS, the new Restrictive Behavior Plan for Justin W. has been presented to the Behavior Management Committee for review and approval for use; and

WHEREAS, the Restrictive Behavior Plan for Justin W. has been presented to the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee does hereby approve the use of the Restrictive Behavior Plan for Justin W.

Vote:

Ayes—Horak, Mahaffee, Ward, Greaver, Pascoe

Nays—None

Abstained--None

Absent During Vote—None

Absent From Meeting --Beard

APPROVED USE OF THE RESTRICTIVE BEHAVIOR PLAN FOR ASHLEY C.

RESOLUTION 05-07-09

MOTION: Pascoe

SECOND: Ward

WHEREAS, the new Restrictive Behavior Plan for Ashley C. has been presented to the Behavior Management Committee for review and approval for use; and

WHEREAS, the Restrictive Behavior Plan for Ashley C. has been presented to the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Local Human Rights Committee does hereby approve the use of the Restrictive Behavior Plan for Ashley C.

Vote:

Ayes—Horak, Mahaffee, Ward, Greaver, Pascoe

Nays—None

Abstained--None

Absent During Vote—None

Absent From Meeting --Beard

THE RESTRICTIVE BEHAVIOR PLAN FOR JOSH M. IS NO LONGER REVIEWABLE BY THE LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Effective April 1, 2014, this plan is no longer reviewable because Josh has met fading criteria for timeout procedure this year.

ANNUAL PROGRAM REVIEW

COMPASS COUNSELING SERVICES OF NOVA

Chris and Carolyn Ruhlen presented the annual and quarterly reports for COMPASS Counseling Services of NOVA.

LIFTING AS WE CLIMB

There were no reports for staff present to represent this agency.

MATTHEW'S CENTER --

There were no reports or staff present to represent this agency.

REM OF VIRGINIA

Gerry Desrosiers was there and informed the Committee Sponsored Home Placement is still waiting for Licensing to approved their service.

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE REPORT

Kevin Paluszak, Regional Human Rights Advocate, had the following to report:

1. As of July 24, 2014, Margaret Walsh, Director of the Office of Human Rights at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) will be retiring.
2. The proposed changes to the Human Rights Regulations are on line. They have not gone out for Public comment. The major changes will affect the LHRCS. It will affect the number of LHRCs, the DBHDS will be responsible for the infrastructure of the Committees and the focus of the LHRCs will be on only individual rights. The implementation of the proposed regulations is a ways out as it must go through the public comment process (as little as 18 months or as much as 3 – 5 years)..

PROGRAM VISITS TO AFFILIATE PROGRAMS

The Committee will postpone a site visit until their July meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Nomination of Officers for 2014/2015
The Committee will decrease its membership to 3 at the end of June. There are applicants that are in the process of appointment. It was discussed that the three persons on the Committee would fill the officer positions. This will be brought back at the June meeting for official approval.
2. Plan for Annual LHRC Affiliates Meeting – June 4, 2014
The meeting will be conducted as in previous years. A letter will go to each affiliate letting them know that it is a mandatory meeting. Food will be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 05-07-10

MOTION: Ward

SECOND: Griever

There being no further business to discuss, the May 7, 2014 meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Vote:

Ayes—Mahaffee, Horak, Ward, Greaver, Pascoe

Nays—None

Absent During Vote—None

Absent From Meeting – Beard
